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**To: Interested Persons – See Attached List**

Via E-mail Distribution

Re: Rule Petition 24-05, Attorney Assessments for Public Interest Legal Services

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of Rule Petition 24-05, filed on July 3, 2024, by the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, Wisconsin Judicare Legal Aid, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Disability Rights Wisconsin, ABC for Health, and Centro Legal. This rule petition asks the court to amend Supreme Court Rule 13.045(1) to increase the annual assessment of attorneys for the Public Interest Legal Services Fund, which supports legal services for people of limited means in non-criminal matters. The current assessment is \$50 annually; petitioners request an increase to \$75 annually in 2025 and \$100 annually in 2027.

You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization potentially have an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/2405.htm>.

A letter soliciting public comment was circulated on September 5, 2024, setting a deadline to submit comments by October 7, 2024. On September 9, 2024, the State Bar of Wisconsin submitted a request to extend the comment period. Based on that submission, the court has extended the comment period to Friday, December 13, 2024. Petitioners may file a response to comments no later than Friday, December 27, 2024.

Comments to the rule petition, and any response, should be filed by traditional methods with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. Additionally, please e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your comment to [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). Please see the comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/process.htm>.

Interested persons may consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/index.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the website.

If you have specific questions regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by e-mail at [tim.barber@wicourts.gov](mailto:tim.barber@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

/s/

Timothy M. Barber  
Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler  
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley  
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley  
Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet  
Justice Brian K. Hagedorn  
Justice Jill J. Karofsky  
Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz  
Hon. Richard Sankovitz

**List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules**

Badger State Sheriffs' Association, Attention: Executive Director  
Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Denis Donohoe, Chair  
Board of Bar Examiners  
Chief Circuit Court Judges  
Circuit Court Judges  
Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Samuel A. Christensen  
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney  
Court of Appeals Judges  
Director of State Courts, Honorable Audrey K. Skwierawski  
Deputy Director of State Courts, Office of Court Operations: Holly Szablewski  
Court Operations: Ann Olson, Krista Miller, Amber Peterson, Trent Koerner, Meg Sternitzky  
Department of Administration, State Prosecutors Office  
District Court Administrators  
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director  
Hamilton Consulting Group, Attention: Rebecca Hogan, R.J. Pirlot, Adam Jordahl  
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: Deedee Peterson, Executive Director  
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Colleen Foley, Executive Director  
Marquette University Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney, Dean  
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Timothy Samuelson, Director  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Katie York  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Adam Plotkin  
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Josh L. Kaul  
Preliminary Review Committee, Attention: Barry Boline, Chair  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Advocacy & Access to Justice Director  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Dean Dietrich, President  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Margaret Hickey, Past-President  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Ryan M. Billings, President-Elect  
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Daniel Tokaji, Dean; Myra Sun, Exec. Asst.  
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Winn S. Collins  
Wisconsin Asian American Bar Association, Attention: Julius Kim, President  
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director; Jim Rogers,  
Government Affairs Director  
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers  
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever  
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel  
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Kris Cleven, Vice President-Legal  
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Regina Kolbow, Stacy Kleist  
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt  
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jenni Kilpatrick, Executive Director; Andrew Hebl,  
President  
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Deputy Family  
Court Commissioners; Lisa Krueger, Family Court Commissioner; Elizabeth Pfeuffer,  
Family Court Commissioner; Peggy Miller, Family Court Commissioner  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Pamela M. Ritger  
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Beth Ann Richlen, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: William C. Gleisner, III, Chair  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Appellate Procedure Committee: Hon. Thomas M. Hruz, Chair

Wisconsin Justice Initiative, Inc., Attention: Margo Kirchner  
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Lisa Milella  
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Robert Kupfer  
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association  
Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association, Attention: Sandy Schueller  
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard  
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gregory Gill, Jr.  
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gwendolyn Topping, President

Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission  
Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, Attention: Aly Lynch, Executive Director  
Disability Rights Wisconsin  
ABC for Health, Attention: Bobby Peterson, Executive Director  
Centro Legal, Attention: Molly Dobberke Riehle, Executive Director